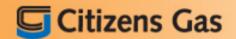


### Outlook Winter 2006-2007

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# Overview

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President and Chief Executive Officer Citizens Gas & Coke Utility



### Introduction

- Lower natural gas prices
- Price impact on customers
- Energy assistance need will remain high





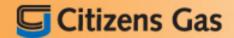
### **Energy Assistance Efforts**

- EAP
- Universal Service Program
- Help Thy Neighbor
- Warm Heart Warm Home



# **Keeping Customers Connected**

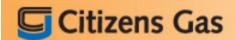
- Minimizing service disruptions
- Flexible payment arrangements
- Manageable deposits
- Outreach to inactive accounts



# **Helping Customers Manage Costs**

- Budget Plan
- Other payment options
- New Internet tools



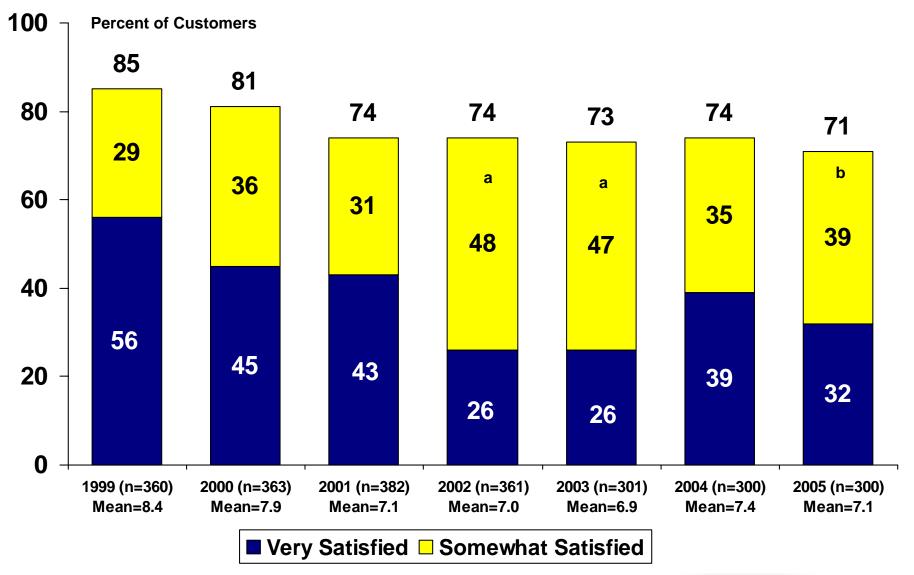


# **Raising Customer Awareness**

- Safety and conservation key messages
- Bill inserts
- Be Winter Wise Event
- Media outreach
- Hispanic TV spots
- Special initiative on safety and energy assistance awareness



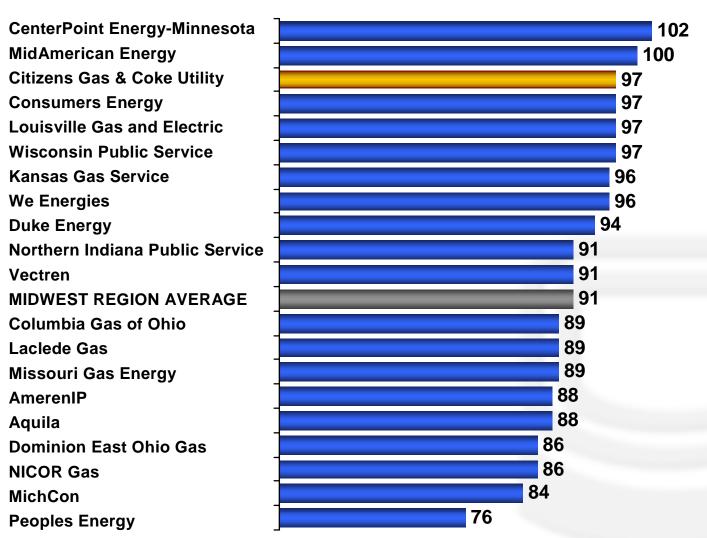
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#### 2006 Overall Customer Satisfaction Index

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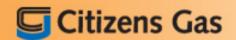
### Implications of Customer Surveys

- Price a big concern
- Focus on value of natural gas
- Citizens Gas offers good value



### **Snowbelt Survey Results – June 2006**

	City	Total Annual Bill	% More Than Indy
1	Denver, CO	\$1,086.39	-10%
2	Milwaukee, WI	1,119.58	-7%
3	Indianapolis	1,205.30	
4	Kansas City, MO	1,207.47	0.2%
5	Peoria, IL	1,267.93	5%
6	Detroit, MI	1,305.42	8%
7	Des Moines, IA	1,306.74	8%
8	St. Louis, MO	1,324.45	10%
9	Dayton, OH	1,345.83	12%
10	Chicago, IL	1,359.49	13%
11	Louisville, KY	1,400.85	16%
12	Cincinnati, OH	1,433.35	19%
13	Cleveland, OH	1,502.34	25%
14	Baltimore, MD	1,533.20	27%
15	Columbus, OH	1,542.88	28%
16	Pittsburgh, PA	1,685.97	40%
17	New York, NY	1,763.76	46%
18	Boston, MA	1,776.96	47%
19	Washington, DC	1,876.81	56%
20	Philadelphia, PA	1,996.60	66%



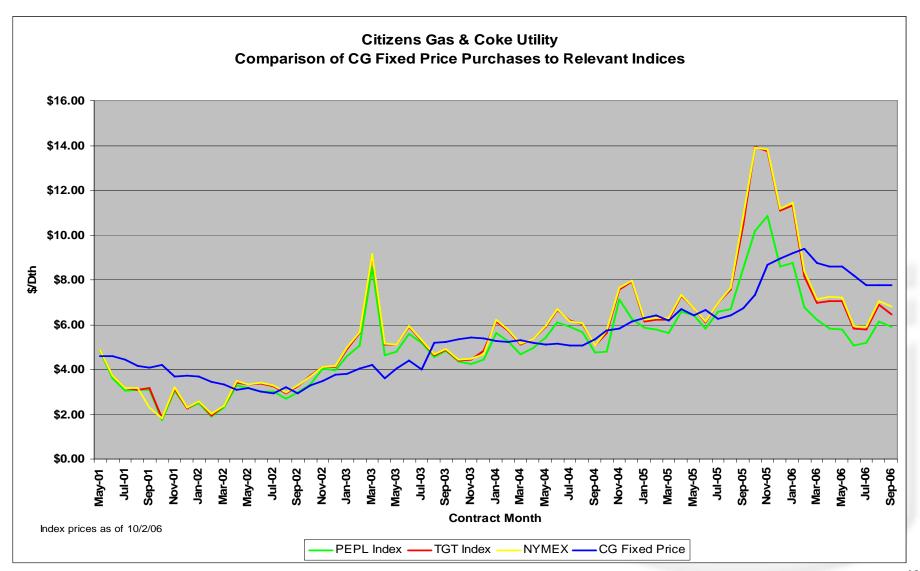
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Gas Supply, Price and Volatility Mitigation



### **Recent Price Trends**





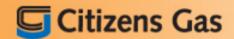
### Why Prices Have Fallen

- Repair of hurricane damage
- Warm winter
- Moderate summer
- No hurricanes in Gulf in 2006



# **Securing Affordable Supply**

- Diversifying supply sources
- Heartland Gas Pipeline
- Rockies Express

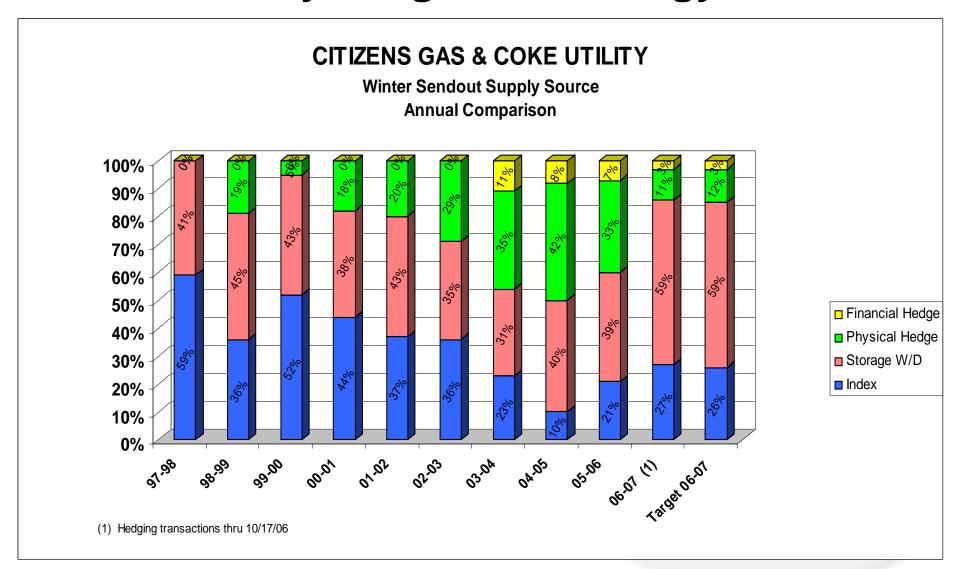


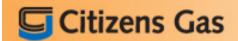
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- Volatility Mitigation vital
- Methods used
- Not speculating on future prices

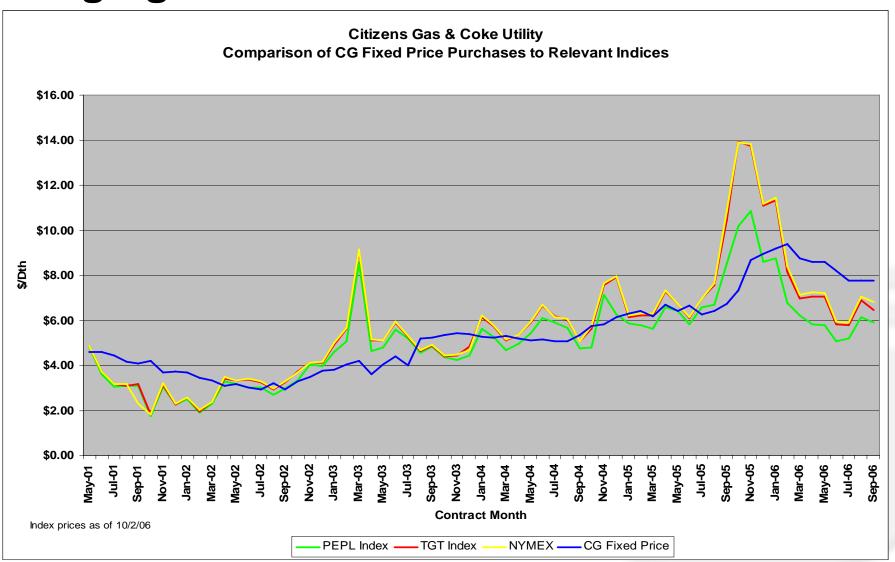


### **Price Volatility Mitigation Strategy**



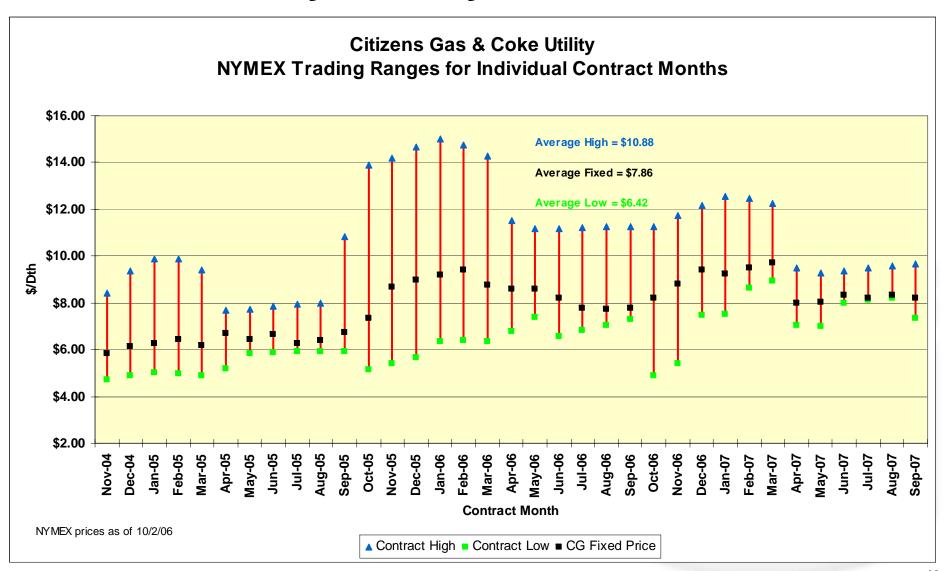


### **Hedging Results -- Fixed Price vs. Indices**



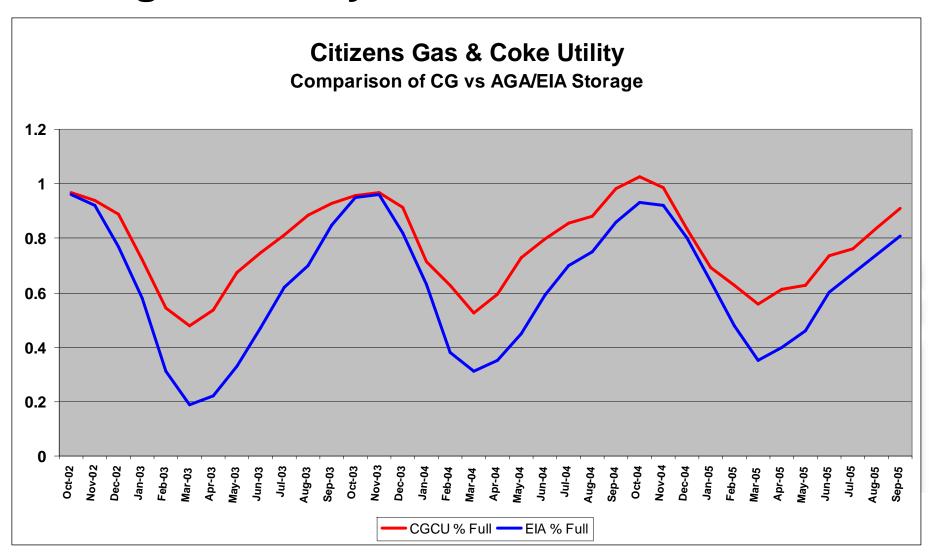


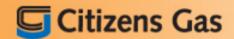
# **Prices/Volatility History**





### **Storage is Ready**





### **Conclusion**

**Your Questions**